

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Canceled*).

2. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim 1 ~~31~~, further comprising a plurality of ~~slots~~ openings in said body portion.

Claim 3 (*Canceled*).

4. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim 2, ~~wherein said strap~~ further comprising a strap that is threaded through each one of said ~~slots~~ plurality of openings.

Claims 5-12 (*Canceled*).

13. (*Currently Amended*) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~11~~ 18, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

14. (*Currently Amended*) The ~~device~~ system according to claim 13, ~~wherein said strap~~ further comprising a strap that is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 15-17 (*Canceled*).

18. (*Currently Amended*) A ~~device~~ system for holding garment hangers, comprising:
 a garment hanging rod with a diameter of a first dimension;
 a hook shaped member having a body portion and a hook portion;

an opening in said body portion for receiving a strap;
an extended hook region on an end of said hook portion and having an extended hook region surface;

a body portion surface opposing said extended hook region surface and defining a hook opening between said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface;

wherein said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said garment hanging rod by passing said garment hanging rod through said hook opening; and

wherein said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface are configured such that a distance between said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface has a second dimension approximately a same size as said first dimension of said diameter of said garment hanging rod such that passage of said rod through said hook opening is impeded.

~~wherein said hook opening is configured to have a dimension sufficiently near a diameter of a predetermined garment hanging rod to thereby impede passage of said rod through said hook opening.~~

Claims 19-25 (*Canceled*).

26. (*Currently Amended*) The ~~device~~ system according to claim 1 ~~18~~, wherein said ~~slot~~ opening in said body portion is rectangular.

27. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim 2 ~~31~~, wherein ~~one of~~ said ~~plurality of slots~~ opening in said body portion is rectangular.

28. (*Currently Amended*) The ~~device~~ system according to claim 18, wherein said body portion surface ~~or~~ and said extended hook region surface is are convexly curved.

29. (*Currently Amended*) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:

a hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

a body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

~~a long axis of said device passing through said hook portion and said body portion;~~

a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments;

~~a first convexly curved surface on~~ wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped across said extended hook region surface when viewed in a direction from a side of said device when looking into said hook opening;

~~a second convexly curved surface on~~ wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped across said body portion surface when viewed in the direction from the side of said device when looking into said hook opening; and

wherein said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said surface such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and thereafter increases.

~~wherein said first and second convexly curved surfaces are configured to define a first dimension that is sufficiently near a diameter of a predetermined garment hanging rod such that when said axis is generally orthogonal to said rod, passage of said rod through said hook opening is impeded; and~~

~~wherein said first and second convexly curved surfaces are configured to define a second dimension that is wider than said first dimension such that when said axis is at an angle to said rod, said device is more easily removed from said rod.~~

Claim 30 (*Canceled*).

31. (*New*) The device according to claim 29, further comprising an opening in said body portion.

32. (*New*) The device according to claim 31, wherein a long axis of said device passes through said hook portion and said body portion and wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.